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September 7, 2017

Councilmember Larry Reid
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 2nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: PEC Complaint No. 17-06; Warning Letter

Dear Councilmember Reid:

This letter is in response to a referral received by the City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission (PEC) from the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) regarding your failure to file a statement of economic interests (SEI) for 2015. The PEC investigated the matter and found that you violated Oakland Government Act section 2.25.040(B) by failing to file an SEI for the January 1 through December 31, 2015, period, with the Oakland City Clerk's Office by April 1, 2016.

Every city councilmember is required to disclose reportable interests by filing an SEI within 30 days of assuming office, annually thereafter by April 1, and within 30 days of leaving office.¹ Every required SEI must be filed with the City Clerk's Office, which keeps a copy and is required to send the original to the FPPC, which is the official filing officer for all members of city councils.²

Our investigation found that you did not file an SEI for the January 1 through December 31, 2015, period with the Oakland City Clerk until August 30, 2016, in violation of the Oakland Government Ethics Act. However, because you do not have any prior violations of the Oakland Government Ethics Act, filed your 2015 SEI with the Oakland City Clerk prior to being contacted by the PEC regarding this matter, and timely filed your 2016 SEI by the April 1, 2017, deadline, the PEC is closing this matter with this warning letter in lieu of a penalty.

¹ Oakland Government Ethics Act § 2.25.040(B), and Government Code §§ 87202, 87203, and 87204.

² Government Code § 87500(g).

The information in this case will be retained and may be used against you should an enforcement action become necessary due to newly discovered information or your failure to comply with SEI requirements in the future. Your failure to comply with SEI requirements in the future will result in the imposition of administrative penalties by the PEC of up to \$5,000 per violation or three times the amount not properly reported, whichever is greater.

This warning letter is a PEC case resolution without a monetary penalty, but does not provide you with an opportunity for a full hearing before the PEC. If you wish to avail yourself to a full hearing process by requesting that this case proceed with further enforcement rather than a warning, please notify me in writing within 10 days from the date of this letter. If I do not receive such notification within 10 days in writing, this warning letter will remain in effect and the matter will be closed.

If you would like further information or have additional information regarding this matter, you can reach me at (510) 238-4976 or mdalju@oaklandnet.com.

Sincerely,

Milad Dalju
Deputy Director and Chief of Enforcement
City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission

cc: California Fair Political Practices Commission, Enforcement Division